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Home Health Services Provider Letter # A-100

Dear Home Health Provider:

Subject: Prior Authorization Requests Effective July 1, 2005

The purpose of this provider letter is to advise of changes that will be effective July 1, 2005 for the prior authorization component of the home health services program. Beginning July 1, 2005, all home health prior authorization requests for disposable medical supplies and enteral nutritional products will require submission of a Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code for each supply and enteral that is ordered by the physician as medically necessary.

Until notified otherwise, providers will continue billing Medicaid using the procedures in place prior to July 1, 2005. Providers will not be required to use a HCPCS code on the UB-92 claim form in order to be reimbursed. However, as a Medicaid provider, you are aware that without a prior authorization letter on file in the member's medical record, you cannot bill or be reimbursed by Medicaid. Additionally, NHS has been notified not to approve any prior authorization request for revenue code 270 (disposable medical supplies) and revenue code 279 (enteral nutritional products) without a HCPCS code being submitted for each supply or enteral requested.

Enclosed, please find a list of the HCPCS codes that will be used for the purpose of prior authorizing disposable medical supplies and enteral nutritional products. This list will also be located at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/hhs.htm>. Because of frequent changes with HCPCS codes, this list is subject to revisions without prior provider notice; therefore, providers are encouraged to review this list periodically in order to make certain the current version is being used.

Additionally, should a HCPCS code not be on the current prior authorization list, providers may utilize the Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (SADMERC). SADMERC is a national entity that provides services under contract to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The SADMERC HCPCS Unit offers guidance to manufacturers and suppliers on the proper use of the HCPCS codes.



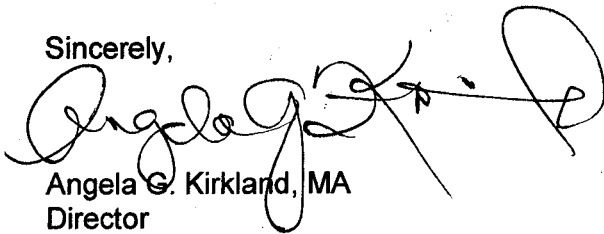
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Providers may contact the SADMERC HCPCS Unit to obtain the proper code for an item. The phone number is 1-877-735-1326. You will be asked to provide information and the SADMERC HCPCS Unit will match the correct HCPCS code to your information. It is possible that a HCPCS code obtained by SADMERC will not be an approved code under the Home Health Services Program. Therefore, please be advised that if a HCPCS code not indicated on the prior authorization list, is included on a prior authorization request, it might not be an approved code. In this situation, NHS will work with providers to determine the appropriate HCPCS code to use.

As always, the Department for Medicaid Services appreciates the continuing service you provide to the Medicaid members of the Commonwealth. Should you, as a provider, have questions regarding this letter or need further clarification on this home health prior authorization change, please contact Ellenore Callan, RN, Nurse Consultant/Inspector at (502) 564-5560, extension 3150 or by email at EllenoreC.Callan@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela G. Kirkland', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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